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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 31, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner in reply to the Final Office action mailed June 20, 2002, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 have been obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on September 20, 2002.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 2132 for processing the Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114 filed with the instant petition.

Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 308-6911.

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